

Self-consistency properties of elementary Reynolds stress closures

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TOPICS

- Summary of paper on spherical harmonics expansion of the correlation tensor: Rubinstein, Kurien, Cambon; submitted to JoT.
- Reformulation of the Launder-Reece-Rodi model.

SO(3): rotation group in 3D – action on polynomials

$$\underbrace{\{x, y, z\}}_{3D} = \underbrace{\{x, y, z\}}_{3D: \text{ spin } 1}$$

$$\underbrace{\{x^2, xy, \dots\}}_{6D} = \underbrace{\{x^2 + y^2 + z^2\}}_{1D: \text{ spin } 0} + \underbrace{\{x^2 - y^2, y^2 - z^2, \dots\}}_{5D: \text{ spin } 2}$$

$$\underbrace{\{x^3, x^2y, \dots\}}_{10D} = \underbrace{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)\{(x, y, z)\}}_{3D: \text{ spin } 1} + \underbrace{\{(x^3 - xy^2, x^3 - xz^2, \dots\}}_{7D: \text{ spin } 3}$$

$$3 = \frac{1}{2}2 \times 3 = 3 \quad 10 = \frac{1}{2}4 \times 5 = 3 + 7$$

$$6 = \frac{1}{2}3 \times 4 = 1 + 5 \quad 15 = \frac{1}{2}5 \times 6 = 1 + 5 + 9$$

Single point moments may oversimplify the description of anisotropy.

Spherical harmonics basis of 5D space $\{x^2 - y^2, y^2 - z^2, z^2 - x^2, \dots\}$:

$$(x + iy)^2 = Y^{2,2} + iY^{2,-2} \quad (x + iy)z = Y^{2,1} + iY^{2,-1}$$
$$3z^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = Y^{2,0} = Y^2$$

Spherical harmonics basis of 7D space $\{x^3 - 2xy^2, x^3 - 2xz^2, \dots\}$:

$$(x + iy)^3 = Y^{3,3} + iY^{3,-3} \quad (x + iy)^2 z = Y^{3,2} + iY^{3,-2}$$
$$(x + iy)(5z^2 - 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)) = Y^{3,1} + iY^{3,-1}$$
$$5z^3 - 3z(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = Y^{3,0} = Y^3$$

SO(3) alone does not provide any basis for these spaces.

Correlation tensor $U_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$ is solenoidal: $k_i U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = k_j U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = 0$.
 For isotropy, $U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = U(k) P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$ where $P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \delta_{ij} - k^{-2} k_i k_j$
 Directional-polarization decomposition (Cambon):

$$U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = U_{ij}^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) + U_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k})$$

where $U_{ij}^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{k}) : \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{k})) P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$ and

$U_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) = U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) - U_{ij}^{dir}(\mathbf{k})$. Or

$$U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \underbrace{U_{ij}^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})}_{\text{tensorially isotropic}} + \underbrace{U_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k})}_{\text{trace-free solenoidal}}$$

For axial symmetry (Batchelor, Chandrasekhar)

$$U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = U^{dir}(\mathbf{k})P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) + U^{pol}(\mathbf{k})S_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k})$$

where $S_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) =$

$$k^2 a_i a_j - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})(k_i a_j + k_j a_i) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 [\delta_{ij} + k^{-2} k_i k_j] - \frac{1}{2} a^2 k^2 P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$$

Spherical harmonics expansions:

$$U^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\nu \geq 0, \text{ even}} A_\nu(k) k^{-\nu} Y^\nu(\mathbf{k})$$

$$Y^0(\mathbf{k}) = 1, \quad Y^2(\mathbf{k}) = k^2 - 3(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2, \quad Y^4(\mathbf{k}) = 3k^4 - 30k^2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 + 35(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^4$$

with

$$U^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\nu \geq 2 \text{ even}} B_\nu(k) k^{-\nu} Z^\nu(\mathbf{k})$$

$$Z^2(\mathbf{k}) = 7(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 - k^2 \quad Z^4(\mathbf{k}) = 33(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^4 - 18k^2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 + k^4$$

general anisotropy: even spin polarization

$$U_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\nu \geq 0} \sum_{\text{even}} \sum_{-\nu \leq \mu \leq \nu} A_{\nu,\mu}(k) Y_{ij}^{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{k})$$

Angular dependence parametrized by $Y_{ij}^{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{k})$; amplitudes $A_{\nu,\mu}(k)$ depend only on *wavenumber*.

$$Y_{ij}^{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{L}_{ij}^{\nu}[Y^{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{k})]$$

for rotation invariant (spin 0) matrices of differential operators \mathcal{L}_{ij}^{ν}
(Arad et al., Zemach,)

$$\begin{aligned}
& Y_{ij}^{\nu,\mu}(\mathbf{k}) + i Y_{ij}^{\nu,-\mu}(\mathbf{k}) \\
&= \mu(\mu-1)(k_x + ik_y)^{\mu-2} \left(\frac{\partial^\mu}{\partial k_z^\mu} Y^\nu(\mathbf{k}) \right) \left(Y_{ij}^{2,2}(\mathbf{k}) + i Y_{ij}^{2,-2}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \\
&+ 2\mu(k_x + ik_y)^{\mu-1} \left(\frac{\partial^{\mu+1}}{\partial k_z^{\mu+1}} Y^\nu(\mathbf{k}) \right) \left(Y_{ij}^{2,1}(\mathbf{k}) + i Y_{ij}^{2,-1}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \\
&+ (k_x + ik_y)^\mu \left(\frac{\partial^{\mu+2}}{\partial k_z^{\mu+2}} Y^\nu(\mathbf{k}) \right) Y_{ij}^{2,0}(\mathbf{k})
\end{aligned}$$

odd spin polarization

- Rotational strains couple even and odd spins.
- Similar formulas, but different basis tensors $X^{2,\mu}(\mathbf{k})$.
- Kassinos et al. structure tensor formalism: *stropholysis* is related to spin 3 polarization. The ‘stropholysis spectrum’

$$Q_{ij\ell}(k) = \epsilon_{ipq} \oint dS(\mathbf{k}) \ U_{jq}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) k^{-2} k_p k_\ell$$

defines the projection of U onto its spin 3 component.

Reformulation of the LRR model

Mean flow couplings:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{U}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = & - \underbrace{\left[U_{ip}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_p} + U_{jp}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_p} \right]}_{\text{production}} + \underbrace{k_m \frac{\partial}{\partial k_n} U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_n}}_{\text{mean-flow distortion}} \\ & + \underbrace{2k^{-2} \left[k_i k_m U_{pj}(\mathbf{k}) + k_j k_m U_{pi}(\mathbf{k}) \right] \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_p}}_{\text{rapid pressure-strain}} \end{aligned}$$

Single-point reduction:

$$\int d\mathbf{k} \dot{U}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = - \underbrace{\int d\mathbf{k} U_{ip}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_p}}_{\text{OK, 'closed'}} + \int d\mathbf{k} \underbrace{2k^{-2} k_i k_m U_{pj}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_p}}_{\text{closure problem}}$$

Directional-polarization decomposition

$$\dot{U}^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) = -U^{dir}(\mathbf{k})(\mathsf{P}(\mathbf{k}) : \mathsf{S}) - \mathsf{U}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) : \mathsf{S} + k_m \frac{\partial}{\partial k_n} U^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{U}_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) &= -\frac{1}{2} U^{dir}(\mathbf{k}) \left(P_{im}(\mathbf{k}) P_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) + P_{in}(\mathbf{k}) P_{jm}(\mathbf{k}) - P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) P_{mn}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_p} \\ &\quad - \left(U_{ip}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) P_{jm}(\mathbf{k}) + U_{jp}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) P_{im}(\mathbf{k}) - U_{mp}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_p} \\ &\quad + k_m \frac{\partial}{\partial k_n} U_{ij}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_n} + k^{-2} \left(k_i k_m U_{pj}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) + k_j k_m U_{pi}^{pol}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_p} \end{aligned}$$

Two models for the correlation tensor consistent with LRR:

$$U_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}U(k)P_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) + R_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$$

where, for model I,

$$R_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) = k^{-2}(\mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$$

and for model II,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) &= H_{ij}(k) - k^{-2}k_m(k_i H_{mj}(k) + k_j H_{mi}(k)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}k^{-2}(\delta_{ij} + k^{-2}k_i k_j)(\mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

The Reynolds stress deviator is

$$R_{ij} = \int d\mathbf{k} R_{ij}(\mathbf{k}).$$

model I

Dir-pol

$$U^{dir}(k) = U(k) + k^{-2} \mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k} \mathbf{k}$$
$$U_{ij}^{pol}(k) = 0$$

Stress deviator

$$R_{ij} = \frac{2}{15} \int_0^{\infty} k^2 dk \ H_{ij}(k)$$

Tensor \mathbf{H} is basically Kassinos et al. *dimensionality*.

LRR and model I

Mean-flow coupling, directional anisotropy:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{U}(k) + k^{-2}\dot{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} &= U(k)k^{-2}(\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) + k^{-4}(\mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})(\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) \\ &+ k_m \frac{\partial}{\partial k_n} U(k) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_n} + k_m \frac{\partial}{\partial k_n} k^{-2}(\mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_n}\end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{U}(k) + k^{-2}\dot{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} &= (U(k) + kU'(k))k^{-2}\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} \\ &- k^{-4}(\mathbf{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})(\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) + k^{-3}(\mathbf{H}'(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})(\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) \\ &+ k^{-2}(\mathbf{H}(k) \cdot \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{H}(k)) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} + k^{-2}(\mathbf{H}(k) \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega} - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{H}(k)) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Spin decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\dot{U}(k)}_{\text{spin 0}} + \underbrace{k^{-2} \dot{H}(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{spin 2}} = \underbrace{\left(U(k) + kU'(k) \right) k^{-2} S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{spin 2}} \\
 & - \underbrace{k^{-4} (H(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) (S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})}_{\text{spins 2,3,4}} + \underbrace{k^{-3} (H'(k) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) (S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})}_{\text{spins 2,3,4}} \\
 & + \underbrace{k^{-2} (H(k) \cdot S + S \cdot H(k)) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{spins 0,2}} + \underbrace{k^{-2} (H(k) \cdot \Omega - \Omega \cdot H(k)) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}}_{\text{spin 2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(H : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) (S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) = \|A\|_4 + \|A\|_2 + \|A\|_0$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A\|_4 &= (H : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) (S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k}) - \frac{2}{7} k^2 (H \cdot S + S \cdot H) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} + \frac{2}{35} k^4 H : S \\
 \|A\|_2 &= \frac{2}{7} k^2 \left(H \cdot S + S \cdot H - \frac{2}{3} (H : S) I \right) : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k} \\
 \|A\|_0 &= \frac{2}{15} k^4 (H : S)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equate terms of equal spin. For spins 0 and 2,

$$\dot{U}(k) = \frac{8}{15}(H : S) + \frac{2}{15}k(H' : S)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{H}(k) = & \left(U(k) + kU'(k) \right) S + \frac{5}{7} \left(H(k) \cdot S + S \cdot H(k) - \frac{2}{3}(H(k) : S) I \right) \\ & + \frac{2}{7}k \left(H'(k) \cdot S + S \cdot H'(k) - \frac{2}{3}(H'(k) : S) I \right) - \left(H(k) \cdot \Omega - \Omega \cdot H(k) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Energy equation:

$$\dot{k} = \int_0^\infty dk \ k^2 \dot{U}(k) = \int_0^\infty dk \ \left(\frac{8}{15}k^2(H : S) + \frac{2}{15}k^3(H' : S) \right) = -R : S$$

Stress deviator equation:

$$\dot{R} = \frac{4}{15}kS - \frac{1}{7} \left(R \cdot S + S \cdot R - \frac{2}{3}(R : S) I \right) + \left(R \cdot \Omega - \Omega \cdot R \right)$$

This is an LRR model with a special choice of constants.

However, the spectral equation is not satisfied: spin 4 in the dir equation, and spin 2 in the pol equation are both left over.

Model I cannot satisfy the mean flow coupling equations exactly.

It is a good *approximation* provided

$$(H : \mathbf{kk})(S : \mathbf{kk}) - \frac{2}{7}k^2(H \cdot S + S \cdot H) : \mathbf{kk} + \frac{2}{35}k^4 H : S \approx 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(U(k) + k^{-2}(H : \mathbf{kk}) \right) \times \\ & \left(P_{im}(\mathbf{k})P_{jn}(\mathbf{k}) + P_{in}(\mathbf{k})P_{jm}(\mathbf{k}) - P_{ij}(\mathbf{k})P_{mn}(\mathbf{k}) \right) S_{mn} \approx 0 \end{aligned}$$

Application of results to assess accuracy/breakdown of LRR model: 'in progress' (at LANL).

- Results for model II are similar, but spin decompositions are not so simple: decomposition of tensor $(S : \mathbf{k}\mathbf{k})H$ was done by Zemach.
- ‘Better’ models: including descriptors of higher spins gives a hierarchy of differential equations.
- Although stress evolution is determined by spins of all orders, stress itself is determined by spin 2 alone.
- It suggests replacing evolution equations for higher spins by algebraic relations leading to a *normal solution*: an approximate solution of the stress evolution equations in terms of stress-determining quantities only.